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EDITORIALS

IF THE NEGRO POPULATION WERE EVENLY DIVIDED

A table was published recently in the Congressional Record showing what population shifts would be necessary if the Negro population of the United States were evenly divided among the States.

Based on 1940 census figures, the table showed that in Virginia there were in 1940, 2,015,583 whites and 661,149 Negroes. If each state had its proportionate equal share of Negroes, Virginia would lose a total of 393,672 of that race. North Carolina would lose 624,136; Georgia 772,555, and Mississipi 856,199. Most of the northern and western states would gain in Negro population, although Delaware would lose 9,266, New York would gain 776,695, although there are, or were as of the 1940 census, 571,221 Negroes in that state.

An equal distribution of population among the races is not likely in the foreseeable future. The bulk of the Negro population is likely to remain in the South. It will be interesting, however, to see what shifts will be revealed in the 1950 census.

What Other Editors Say:

WHICH IS THE REAL REVOLUTION?

(Roanoke World-News)

Is Communism the real revolution in ideology, government and social as well as economic affairs of man which it claims to be? Isn't it hiding its true nature behind the cloak of pretention to spring from the masses for the welfare of the masses?

Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor and president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, answered these questions frankly and well during the course of a brilliant address to the Virginia Press Association at Williamsburg.

Communism, said Mr. Canham, is not actually the "revolution" at all. Instead it is a throwback to the darkest ages of man's political and social development. It returns to the theory existing from the beginning of recorded history that man is the creature of the state without rights, possessing no property and living only by permission of the central authority. It is the worst kind of totalitarian rule.

American Democracy is the real revolution in this world today just as it was in 1776, asserted the Mentor editor. Through the years it has been the vital spirit of this world, placing the individual's rights foremost in a government where the state is servant and not master. It is still the only hope of mankind.

Nowhere else in the world is a man as free as an American. He has freedom of speech and of press, freedom to assemble and petition. He indeed has freedom from fear and want, He may own property. He may engage in any business. He may work where he pleases. He may worship God as he sees fit or not at all. He is the most important part of his government, for he elects that government and he may remove it. The government does not perpetuate itself. If he fails to vote "yes" for its candidates.

RULES OF SUCCESS

(Greensboro News)

Rules of success as suggested by Bernard Baruch, "advisor of Presidents," include:

Be quick to praise; keep yourself tidy; interest yourself in politics; be polite; be helpful; be cheerful; don't be envious; don't pity yourself; avoid prejudices.

George Bernard Shaw says:

"The secret of success is to offend the greatest number of people."

Both of these elderly gentlemen have been notably successful; but while G. B. S. has never been called upon by a President for advice, it must be admitted that nothing Mr. Baruch has written has ever been copyrighted in several languages.

We reckon the chief reason each of them made the grade was that he knew what he wanted most to be and refused to be diverted from this purpose.

Somehow we rather prefer the late Elbert Hubbard's summation:

"Make your soul worth saving and it will take care of itself."

MR. BARKLEY'S JOB

(Winchester Star)

Vice President Barkley has been thinking about his job and he is not over-happy about it. That inference is implicit in the little speech he delivered when he made his first official appearance as presiding officer of the Senate, sole duty conferred on him by the Constitution.

In his remarks, Mr. Barkley said he wanted it understood that "if at any time I may be of service to the Congress, to the administration of course, I shall be happy to be available." He made it plain that he wants some work to do "beyond the mere technical duty of presiding over the Senate."

That was an offer that amounted to a plea, Mr. Barkley is full of energy and accustomed to carrying important responsibilities. For a man who has had his finger in just about every political pie that has been served up during something like two decades—and enjoyed it—the vice presidency must resemble an empty cupboard. For that is what it is. There is little sustenance in it for anyone with an appetite for authority and responsibility.

A PRINCESS STEPS OUT

(New York World Telegram)

The news that 18-year-old Princess Margaret stepped out four nights in one week may shock some Britons but not many Americans. Fathers here will wonder how the King kept her home three nights.

Extra engineer on deisel trains is charged as "feat bedding."

Housing official says rent controls still needed.

Truman gets powers to make reorganization of agencies.

Russian fliers tour Virginia.

Norway sends envoy to Washington confer with State Department on Atlantic Defense Pact.

Uncle Sam Says

Some of my nephews and nieces want to save regularly and actually do it. Others mean to save but don't always get around to it. These latter are the ones who only think about a budget. The best way to save is to do it on a regular basis, every pay-day. And the best investment is U. S. Savings Bonds.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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SCRIPTURE: Matt. 2:1-3:6
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 11: 37-46

Inevitable Critics

Lesson for February 13, 1949

ONCE UPON a time, so the old story goes, there was a chameleon, a lizard that can change its color to match whatever it stands on. They put him on a black cloth and he turned black; on a red tablecloth and he turned red; on a green billiard table and he turned green. Then some mean person set him down on a Christmas necktie—and the poor little thing exploded. This is a parable of the person who tries to please everybody. It can't be done—and it ought not to be tried. "Woe unto you," said Jesus, "when all men speak well of you."

Dr. Foreman

Jesus Christ himself did not please every one. Not even a perfect personality can be 100 per cent popular. Not that Jesus enjoyed rubbing people the wrong way. There was nothing perverse about him. He was deeply sincerely, friendly, and to lose any friendships must have been even more painful for him than for us who are so selfish. Nevertheless he did make enemies, he had his critics; and his followers may expect no better.

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Misunderstanding Motives

ONE POINT on which Jesus met terrific opposition was his attitude toward the Sabbath. Repeatedly he or his disciples would do things on the Sabbath which (as Jews then understood the law) were quite wrong. There are Jewish communities in Palestine today where a man walking on the street on the Sabbath smoking a cigarette would be warned to put it out; for it is against the Mosiac law to light a fire on the sacred day, even a tiny fire at the end of a cigarette.

It was just that sort of thing that Jesus ran into, more than once. His enemies misunderstood, or at least misrepresented, his motives.

They claimed that he was "blasphemous," that is, that he was deliberately making light of God's law. The truth was that he was acting by God's highest law—the law of love. Helping people in need was more important than keeping the letter of the Sabbath law. Jesus' example may help us here.

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Stepping Out of Bounds

WHEN Jesus healed the man with the palsy, it was not the cure his critics found fault with, it was his first saying "Your sins are forgiven." "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" they said. In short, the Pharisees thought — some of them perhaps sincerely—that Jesus was stepping out of bounds, pretending to do something that he had no right to attempt and no power to accomplish.

Now Jesus did have both the right and the power to say what he said to that sick and sinful man. And he made no apologies for going beyond the limits his critics set for him.

So we too may sometimes be accused of "biting off too much," of going beyond our powers or capacities. Our critics may be right, you know, though Jesus' critics never were. But how often they are wrong! If Lincoln had listened to his critics he never would have left his backwoods law office; they did not think him fit to be president. If the Wright boys had listened to their neighbors, they never would have flown an airplane, for who would have thought a couple of bicycle mechanics could do what so many scientists said was impossible?

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The Company You Keep

JESUS' friends got him into trouble, as Mark shows us. For one thing, some were the "wrong sort" like Matthew the tax-collector. Then his friends had an unconventional kind of religion, they actually seemed happy about it instead of gloomy like some of John's disciples. And to make matters worse, his friends "broke" the Sabbath laws much as Jesus did. All in all, Jesus' critics complained that Jesus' friends were a bad lot, and they judged him by the company he kept. But Jesus knew his friends better than his enemies did.

He never gave up or loosened a single friendship on his critics' account. Some of his friends gave him up, but he never gave them up.

So the Christian, if he has anything like Jesus' gift for making friends, may find himself criticized for their sakes.

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"RED" DR. GRAHAM

(Greensboro Daily News)

"I have been called a Communist by some sincere people, I have been called a spokesman of American capitalism by Communists, and repeatedly called a tool of imperialism by the radio from Moscow. I shall simply continue to oppose Ku Kluxism, imperialism, fascism and communism, whether in America, Indonesia or behind the Iron Curtain."

This is the way Dr. Frank P. Graham concludes his reply to the inquiry of Fulton Lewis, Jr., reflecting on Dr. Graham's loyalty to his country.

It is obvious to North Carolinians who know Frank Graham very well that Mr. Lewis has merely got him charged with the wrong offense. The correct charge is witchcraft. Dr. Graham would probably plead guilty to changing a well-known radio commentator into a jackass.

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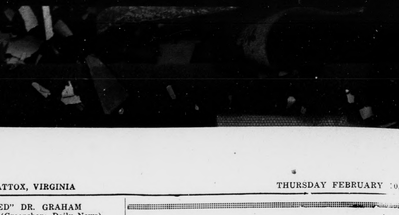

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Another Period Of Bleak Times Set By British

LONDON.—Another year of austerity in food supplies lies ahead for Britain in 1949.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said that there existed little hope of improving rations of meat, bacon and butter. As far as meat is concerned, she added that the outlook was "gloomy."

The opposition, which had conducted a lively exchange with the Government for three hours, marked their disapproval of the Food Ministry's policies by calling for a vote on the question of adjournment. The motion was defeated, 216 to 117.

Meat Outlook Uncertain

Both Dr. Summerskill and her chief, John Strachey, Minister of Food, said that the outlook for meat deliveries next year was complicated by uncertainties concerning Argentina's ability to live up to contractural obligations on deliveries. Mr. Strachey said that so long as Argentina was able to maintain shipments under the "Andes Agreement" the present level of distribution could be maintained. He added that a far-reaching and serious contingency would arise if deliveries were not fulfiled.

Trade sources here in the last week have criticized the Government bulk buying policies with regard to meat. They have blamed the current lag in Argentine meat shipments on the Latin American country negotiating new contracts at more favorable prices with such countries as Belgium and the Netherlands.

Today these charges along with a number of allegations that the British Government was importing luxury foodstuffs such as grapes and wines instead of concentrating purchases upon staple items were voiced in the debate.

Mr. Strachey defended the bulk purchasing procedure and added that the country was taking luxury foods from France for instance because that was all that country had to offer in payment for British goods.

Ration Very Slight

The Food Minister said that while supplies of feed stuffs for livestock were improving it would still be necessary to look to Eastern European countries next year for really substantial supplies.

Dr. Summerskill told the House that the country would have to subsist upon bacon ration of two ounces a week for most of the coming year. She said that the butter ration (now two ounces weekly) would be maintained at that level in 1949. She added that it was hoped that home production of eggs plus imports would enable the Government to allow every Briton 100 eggs in the next twelve months compared with the seventy-eight permitted this year.

Dr. Summerskill concluded by saying that because of Britain's dollar shortage and the fact that the country needed so many other things from Canada it was likely that Britain would have to curtail food purchases there in the coming year.

Truth Serum Being Used To Treat Mental Disorders

NEW YORK. — A new "truth serum" is being used to treat some cases of mental disorders. It is known as pervitin. Three Boston physicians report that it causes the patient to recall painful memories, intimate personal fancies and delusional ideas. Such information is needed, the physicians point out, for proper treatment.

Drs. Julius Levine, Max Rinkel and Milton Greenblatt, of the Boston Psychiatric Hospital, reported in the American Journal of Psychiatry that the drug had been administered to 75 patients.

The physicians said that when the effects of the drug wore off, the patients were less tense. They felt relaxed. Meanwhile, information about the patient had been learned.

Turnabout Marks Who Helps Whom With School Problems

BALTIMORE. — Not all fathers are saddled with the task of helping Junior with his homework. Sometimes it works both ways.

At the Veterans' Institute Donald Mussachio, Sr., and Donald Mussachio, Jr., are completing their educations together.

The younger Mussachio enrolled at the institute to complete his high-school education, interrupted by World War II. His father's education also was interrupted during World War I.

Mussachio said his son's rapid progress gave him the idea of completing his own education.

Weighing Words Means Just That to University Profs

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Brown University scientists weigh their words carefully and literally. To learn the effect of temperature on the transmission of sound waves, they developed a device which measures in terms of weight the pressure of waves resulting from spoken words.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 8.- We are all so sorry to know that Mrs. Bert Stratton continues ill at her home here. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. H. Drinkard, of Lynchburg and Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Camp Pickett were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard last Sunday.

Miss Rachel Chick, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Mrs. Lee Wheeler are out again after a spell of illness and we are so glad to report this.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and daughter, Rachel and Hortlette Drinkard spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, at Appomattox.

Tom Roy Barnette is sporting a new car, Congratulations to him and his best girl friend!

Mrs. J. H. Beard had as her guests over the week-end: John Beard, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Chat Chapman and children, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus visited his sister, Mrs. Mullen, at Appomattox last Sunday.

Mrs. Lester Carson spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Davis Smith, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dickerson visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell over the week-end.

There will be services at Bethel Church next Sunday morning. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor and Mrs. Lula Taylor visited Mrs. Bert Stratton last Sunday.

Abundance of Salisburys Pittance in Duplication

CHICAGO.—Twenty-two communities in the world are named Salisbury, but they are a pittance in the realm of duplication, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Mayor R. G. Gordon of Salisbury, England, sent Christmas greetings yesterday to the twenty-one other Salisburys. At the same time he challenged any other town or city to produce a greater number of sister places.

How about Clinton, which thirty-three cities and towns use as their name? asks Britannica. Thirty Clintons are situated in the United States, one in New Zealand and two in Canada.

And, says the Encyclopaedia firm, there are thirty-two Cliftons in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and Westmorland, England. Chester in Cheshire, England, has twenty-nine namesakes.

There are twenty-nine Centervilles, twenty-eight Springfields, twenty-eight Auburns, twenty-seven Belmonts and twenty-seven Clevelands, just to scratch the surface.

City Does Not Determine Whether Costs High, Low

LINCOLN, NEB.—The idea that the cost of living varies sharply from city to city doesn't carry much weight with the business-research bureau at the University of Nebraska.

Living expenses are 12 per cent lower in New Orleans than in Washington, but those are the two extremes, the bureau reported. In 34 cities studied, the "average difference" amounted to less than 3 per cent, Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, bureau chief, said. Food costs varied about 1½ per cent.

"It seems to make little difference what city we live in," he said. "Living costs too much in any, and there is not much choice."

Population appears to have no effect on living expenses, Palmer said.

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Rocks News

Rocks, Feb. 7.- The groundhog saw his shadow last Wednesday. Better get in a good pile of wood. We may have plenty of snow during February and March.

Harry Eugene and Frank Ray Lamson are still having ear trouble.

Kyle and David Almond have the measles.

Mrs. Melvin Adkinson, of Evergreen called to see Mrs. D. R. Inge awhile Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John are all smiles. It's a fine boy.

New [illegible] has been in quite a while, is now working in Lynchburg.

Mrs. L. K. Almond spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond, at Appomattox.

Annie C. Martin, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. D. R. Inge had all of her children but the one in Norfolk to spend Sunday with her,

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Mrs. Henry Gowin went with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children to Prospect Sunday to see her daughter, Rosa, who is sick.

The Rev. C. G. Carter preached a very helpful sermon at Rocks on Sunday night. A goodly number were out,

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Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Doris Evans, of Evergreen.

Ernest Lowe and sons, Jack and Jerry Lowe, Mrs. Jack Lowe and daughter, Ann, of Roanoke, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach Sunday.

Mindszenty is given life term by Hungarian court. Sentence draws protests from other nations.

German People Found With Little Interest in Politics

PASSAU, GERMANY. — "The people are not interested in politics." This sentence recurs repeatedly in reports from towns and villages throughout Germany. It shows the problem U. S. Military Government faces in trying to spread democracy among people who never have learned or understood that they have a personal interest in their country's politics.

A Military Government officer pointed to a report from Zulzbach, a small Bavarian town near here.

It contained the usual line: "The people are not interested in politics." Then it added: "They are worried, however, about Germany's future."

"There's our real problem," said the officer, Marvon Gossop, of Winchester, Ill.

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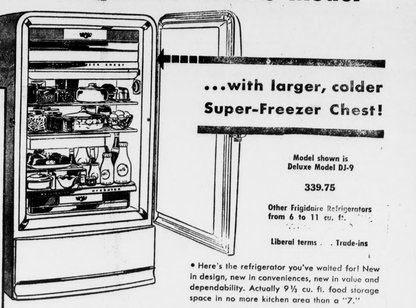

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